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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**INDIANAPOLIS RESIDENT CHARGED WITH  
ARMED BANK ROBBERY**

**PRESS RELEASE**

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that RODNEY HARPER, 30, Indianapolis, Indiana, was indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for armed bank robbery and carrying a firearm in relation to a crime of violence, following an investigation by the Marion County Sheriff's Department and Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The indictment alleges that on June 10, 2006, HARPER took \$2,143 from the Charter One Bank branch at 5410 Emerson Way, Indianapolis, Indiana. HARPER is further accused of using a firearm in the commission of the robbery. HARPER left the scene as a passenger in a vehicle and a bag of dye stained money was found at an intersection approximately two blocks away by the Marion County Sheriff's Department. HARPER was arrested on June 13, 2006, when he surrendered to law enforcement.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Gayle L. Helart, who is prosecuting the case for the government, HARPER faces a maximum possible prison sentence of up to 25 years on the armed bank robbery, up to life on the firearm charge, and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000 on each count. An initial hearing will be scheduled before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Indianapolis.

**The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.**

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